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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL TO
VISIT U.S.

1. MICHEL DE GUILLENCHMIDT (35), DIRECTOR OF CABINET
OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, ROUGHLY THE EQUIVALENT
OF OUR UNDER SECRETARY OF LABOR SINCE HE FUNCTIONS
AS THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE MINISTRY, EXPRESSED
KEEN INTEREST DURING LUNCH WITH LABOR COUNSELOR IN A
VISIT TO THE U.S. HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE FRG
AT THE INVITATION OF HIS OPPOSITE NUMBER IN BONN
CONVINCED HIM, HE SAID, OF THE USAFULNESS OF AN EX-
CHANGE OF VIEWS AT HIS LEVEL AT A TIME WHEN NEW
IDEAS ARE NEEDED TO COPE WITH TO THE PROBLEMS OF
UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION.

2. MR. GUILLENCHMIDT HAS IN MIND A VISIT IN THE
LAST TWO WEEKS IN AUGUST AND HE WOULD BE IINTERESTED
IN BRIEFINGS IN THE LABOR DEPARTMENT, MEETING
WITH AFL-CIO LEADERS, VISIT WITH NATIONAL COMMISSION
FOR MANPOWER POLICY, AS WELL AS VISIT WITH WORK IN
AMERICA INSTITUTE IN SCARSDALE, N.U. HE SPEAKS
ENGLISH WELL.

3. HE LET LABCOUNS UNDERSTAND THAT FOR INTERNAL
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FRENCH CONSIDERATIONS AND IN THE INTEREST OF GIVING

HIS VISIT THE STATUS OF AN OFFICIAL EXCHANGE VISIT, HE WOULD APPRECIATE A FORMAL INVITATION FROM THE LABOR DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THE VISIT. THE EMBASSY WARMLY ENDORSES THE IDEA OF MR. GUILLENCHMIDT'S VISIT AND HOPES THAT THE UNDER SECRETARY OF LABOUR WOULD AGREE TO ISSUE SUCH FORMAL INVITATION TO HIM. THE EMBASSY'S ENDORSEMENT IS SUSTAINED BY THE GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE OF THE 1972 VISIT TO THE U.S. BY YVES SABOURET WHEN HE WAS DIRECTOR OF CABINET OF THE LABOR MINISTRY. SABOURET RETURNED FROM THE VISIT MOST GRATEFUL NOT ONLY FOR THE COURTESIES SHOWN TO HIM BUT FOR THE BENEFITS HE DERIVED FROM THE VARIOUS TALKS AND BRIEFINGS HE HAD IN WASHINGTON. WE KNOW THAT HIS REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF LABOR, WHICH WAS CIRCULATED IN GOF, REFLECTED IN GLOWING TERMS THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT.

4. AS IN THE CASE OF SABOURET, THE ENTIRE COST OF THE VISIT WILL BE BORNE BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

5. INVITATION CAN BE CONVEYED BY LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR OR ORALLY BY LABCOUNS TO BE CONFIRMED BY LETTER FROM THE UNDER SECRETARY OF LABOR ADDRESSED TO MR. DE GUILLENSHMIDT THROUGH THE EMBASSY.

6. WOULD BE GRATEFUL OF EARLY AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST.
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